



UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

The Honorable William E. Colby
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Mr. Paul V. Walsh
Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

Dear Mr. Colby:

This letter will advise you that we have been requested by a member of the Congress to review the Executive Branch implementation of General Accounting Office's recommendations made in its July 9, 1973, report, Russian Wheat Sales and Agriculture's Management of the Wheat Export Subsidy Program.

Our review will center on the Department of Agriculture, the agricultural export reporting system, and its relationship to the recently aborted sales of corn and wheat to Russia. We also foresee the likelihood of work at the agencies which were involved either in the reporting system or events surrounding these sales.

The work will be performed by the Trade and Finance Group of the International Division and should last several months. The code number for this assignment is 48254. We would appreciate the assistance of your office in notifying appropriate officials of our review.

We would be pleased to meet with you or your representatives to discuss our interests and objectives and the information needed to complete this assignment.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Joseph R. Ferri, Assistant Director, on IDS code 129-5507 or 386-5507.

Sincerely yours,


John E. Milgate
Associate Director

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Walsh

GAO is looking into Russian Wheat Sale, etc. As I read this, we needn't necessarily take action on this until contact us.

Copy to D/OER? - Yes

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called Ferri &
they will contact me when
they are ready to talk.
25 Oct 74
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has given me
everything I need.

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